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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICAN REPRESENTATION AT INAUGURATION

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1. CONTENTS REFTEL CONVEYED TO PUERTO RICAN UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SANTIAGO ORTIZ WHO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR EMBASSY EFFORTS AND OFFER OF ASSISTANCE. PUERTO RICANS ARE NOT RPT NOT TROUBLED BY MATTER OF CREDENTIALS (THOUGH THEY WILL HAVE LETTER FROM GOVERNOR). IN PART BECAUSE OF PROMINENCE OF INDIVIDUAL PUERTO RICANS INVITED BY GOV TO INAUGURATION, RECOGNITION AS DELEGATION OF PUERTO RICO IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO THE OFFICIALS. SIMILARLY, DELEGATION COULD NOT ACCEPT RESERVATIONS AT MODEST HOTEL. ORTIZ STATES HE IS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF FONMIN CALVANI AND HAS SPOKEN TO HIM BY TELEPHONE. CALVANI INFORMED HIM PUERTO RICAN DELEGATION HAS RESERVATIONS AT HILTON HOTEL.

2. DELEGATION IS COMPOSED OF SECRETARY OF STATE VICTOR PONS AND HIS WIFE AND SANTIAGO ORTIZ. ADDITIONALLY, SERGIO CAMERO, A PRIVATE CITIZEN, MAY JOIN THEM. PUERTO RICANS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE EMBASSY HOLD ON TO ONE SMALL SUITE IN
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HOTEL MENTIONED REFTEL IN CASE CAMERO IS PART OF DELEGA-

TION. OTHER SUITE RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE CANCELLED.

3. PUERTO RICAN DELEGATION HAS RESERVATIONS ON PANAM
FLIGHT 241 ARRIVING CARACAS AIRPORT SUNDAY, MARCH 10, AT
3:20 P.M. EXPECTS TO BE MET AND DRIVEN TO DOWNTOWN
CARACAS BY GOV, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE BEING MET BY EMBASSY
REPRESENTATIVE. SECRETARY PONS WANTS TO CALL ON AMBAS-
SADOR MCCLINTOCK, AND TIMING MIGHT BE AGREED UPON AT
AIRPORT.

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